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TITLE: MULTI-TROLLEY CONTAINER CRANE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 22, 2005, Applicant is enclosing PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the references listed thereon, namely DE 197 03 286, DE 298 24 751, WO 00/48937, DE 152 363, and DE 74 28 025, which were cited in the International Search Report and listed in Applicants September 22, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement for which the Examiner indicated he had not considered.

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Also listed on the Form PTO 1449, but not enclosed in accordance with current United States Patent and Trademark Office guidelines, is U.S. Patent No. 6,530,492 to Weis, which

is believed to be the English-language equivalent of DE 298 24751.

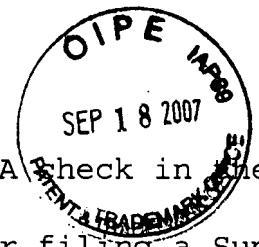
Although the Examiner indicated that a copy of the references cited in the International Search Report have not been received, Applicant believes these references should have been transmitted by the International Office. In any event, Applicants resubmit them herewith.

DE 197 03 286 describes a multiple trolley container crane with two trolley tracks disposed one on top of the other. The tracks have at **their** ends a lifting device configured in the shape of a rocker. As a result, it is taught that the trolleys change tracks only at the ends of the tracks and via a rocker.

The contents of DE 298 74 751 can be inferred from U.S. Patent No. 6,530,492 to Weis. This document describes only several trolley tracks disposed one on top of the other and trolleys on a multiple trolley container crane. Changing the trolleys from one track to another is not described.

DE 152 362 describes a transport installation with an endless stationary track above which one or several gantries are disposed. Trolleys equipped with lifting apparatus travel both on the bridges and on the endless tracks, it being impossible for the trolleys to change between the endless stationary tracks and the bridges disposed transverse thereto.

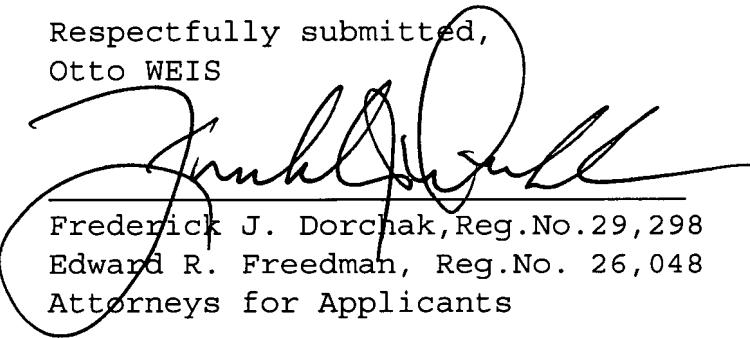
DE 74 28 025 describes a gantry crane with a gantry alongside which the trolley lifting or holding the cargo is movable, telescoping supports the ends of which comprise a traveling mechanism being provided on the gantry, the wheels of the supports not being telescopic and lateral joints 7 at the front ends of the gantry serving to place the gantry on a crane track in a factory hall. The advantage of this gantry is that the gantry may travel on the traveling mechanism and can be readily hung from the front ends of the gantry through the joints by means of the pivoting arms in various factory halls with anchored crane tracks. For this purpose, the wheels for the running surfaces are extended or deployed horizontally. This apparatus, however, is not suited for a multiple trolley container crane changing between several tracks.



A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit any overpayment in connection with this IDS to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present application.

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Enclosures:

PTO Form 1449,  
International Search Report with five (5) references

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